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SUBJ: WEEKLY FEED GRAIN REPORT, PERIOD 7/15-21

1. WEATHER CHANGED CONSIDERABLY. SEVERAL LOCAL THUNDERSTORMS. PRECIPITATION FIGURES SHOW SIDE VARIATIONS. COASTAL AREAS DID NOT RECEIVE MUCH RAIN BUT DROUGHT-STRICKEN SOUTHERN EASTERN REGIONS RECEIVED AMPLE PRECIPITATION. RAINFALL HELPFUL, ESPECIALLY FOR GRASS BUT NOT SUFFICIENT TO ALLEVIATE SUB-SOIL MOISTURE PROBLEMS.

2. WINTER GRAIN HARVESTING IN FULL SWING NOW AND SPRING GRAINS WILL FOLLOW SOON WHICH IS ABOUT 2 WEEKS EARLIER THAN NORMAL.

3. MARKET SUMMARY: PERSISTENT RUMORS CIRCULATING AMONG DUTCH TRADE THAT EC COMMISSION SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING/DISCUSSING EXTENSION OF FORWARD IMPORT LEVY FIXATION PERIOD FOR OVERSEAS CORN AND BARLEY FROM PRESENT 30 DAYS (BACK) TO 90 DAYS. AS RESULT OF RUMORS MOST MAJOR BUYERS WITHDREW FROM BOARDFREE MARKET AND PRICES DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY. ACCORDING TO TRADE SOURCES EC COMMISSION NOW REALIZES THAT EC NEEDS TO IMPORT SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER VOLUMES OF OVERSEAS FEED GRAINS, ESPECIALLY CORN AND BARLEY, DURING 1976/77 SEASON. ITS ALSO REPORTED THAT

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FRENCH MAY GIVE UP OPPOSITION TO FACILITATING IMPORTS OF

OVERSEAS CORN SINCE THEY ALSO WILL NEED TO IMPORT GOOD VOLUMES OF OVERSEAS CORN AT LEAST DURING AUG-NOV 1976 AND PROBABLY BEYOND THAT PERIOD. TRADE REPORTS INDICATE THAT GOF IS (UN-OFFICIALLY) SYMPATHETIC TOWARD IMPORTS OF FEED GRAINS AMONG OTHERS TO PUT A CEILING ON ANTICIPATED SUBSTANTIAL PRICE RISES FOR FRENCH FEED GRAINS DURING COMING SEASON WHICH COULD DISRUPT REGULAR SUPPLIES TO LIVESTOCK FARMERS DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL WITHHOLDINGS OF GRAIN FROM MARKET.

4. OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF EC ACTION IS NOT AVAILABLE.  
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